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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application of: Stewart *et al.*

Application No.: To be Assigned

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For: Methods and Compositions for Directed  
Cloning and Subcloning Using Homologous  
Recombination

Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.115**

Sir:

In accordance with Rule 115 of the Rules of Practice, please enter the following amendment and consider the following remarks. Enclosed herewith is Exhibit A, which is a marked up copy of the replacement paragraph, with deletions indicated in brackets and additions underlined.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

At page 1, insert the following paragraph after the Title and before the introduction:

The present application is a continuation-in-part of United States application Ser. No. 09/350,830, filed July 9, 1999, which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

**REMARKS**

The specification has been amended to recite the priority information for the present application. No new matter has been added.